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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Christian LAUBLE et al.  
Serial No. : 09/485,074  
Filed : September 27, 2000  
For : VIBRATION DAMPER FOR A TUBULAR DRIVE SHAFT  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of October 25, 2001, kindly amend the  
above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 9, 11 and 17 to 20 as follows:

9. (Twice Amended) A vibration damper for a tubular propeller shaft in the  
drive train of a motor vehicle, the vibration damper comprising:  
a sleeve, the sleeve defining a radial and circumferential direction;  
a mass body mounted concentrically in the sleeve;  
a plurality of rubber spring elements for mounting the mass body to the  
sleeve; and  
a plurality of flexible stop elements disposed circumferentially between each  
adjacent pair of spring elements and disposed between the mass body and the  
sleeve to define a discrete space to limit a vibration travel of the mass body at least  
in the radial direction, wherein each stop element extends over a larger  
circumferential angle than the spring elements and occupy a large portion of a space  
between the mass body, the spring elements and the sleeve.

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